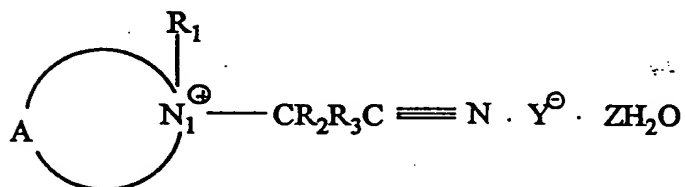


ABSTRACT

**N-ALKYL AMMONIUM ACETONITRILE SALTS,
METHODS THEREFORE AND COMPOSITIONS THEREWITH**

Substantially solid compositions are provided
having therein a compound with the structure of Formula
I

FORMULA I

wherein A is a saturated ring formed by a plurality of
atoms in addition to the N₁ atom, the saturated ring
atoms including at least one carbon atom and at least
one of O, S, and N atoms, the substituent R₁ bound to
the N₁ atom of the Formula I structure including either
(a) a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl or alkoxyalkyl where the alkoxy
is C₂₋₄, (b) a C₄₋₂₄ cycloalkyl, (c) a C₇₋₂₄ alkaryl, (d) a
repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl alcohol,
where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, or (e) -CR₂R₃C≡N where R₂
and R₃ are each H, a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl,
or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl
alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, the R₂ and R₃
substituents being each H, a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl, cycloalkyl, or
alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or
alkoxyalkyl alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, Z is
a value in the range of 0 to 10, and wherein Y is
monovalent or multivalent and is sulfate, bisulfate,
tosylate, or mixtures of sulfate and bisulfate as
counterion. These compositions have reduced water
uptake due to the Formula I compound. The compositions

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are particularly well suited to bleaching and cleaning compositions formulated to include a source of active oxygen.

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